



Docket No.: NEB-150

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Ming-Qun Xu EXAMINER: W. Moore  
APPLICATION NO.: 09/786,009 GROUP: 1652  
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The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE A**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 3, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add after the title and before "Background to the  
Invention"

**--CROSS-REFERENCE**

This Application is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Application  
Serial No. 09/249,543 filed February 12, 1999 which is a  
Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/811,492